

LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Claims 1-7: Canceled

8. (New) A chewing gum tablet produced by a process comprising:

cooling a chewing gum composition to a temperature at which the gum composition is brittle;

grinding the cooled chewing gum composition to form a chewing gum powder;

mixing the chewing gum powder with an active composition comprising a pharmaceutical therapeutic active ingredient to form an active composition-containing powder;

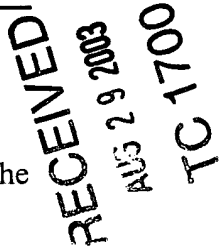
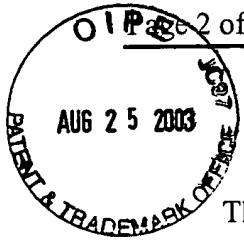
granulating said powder to form a plurality of active composition-containing granules; and

forming the active composition-containing granules into a tablet.

9. (New) The chewing gum tablet of claim 8, wherein the active composition-containing granules have an average size of about 15 mesh to about 30 mesh.

10. (New) The chewing gum tablet of claim 8, wherein the tablet is substantially free of a grinding aid or a grinding aid residue.

11. (New) The chewing gum tablet of claim 8, wherein the granules further comprise an anti-caking agent.



12. (New) The chewing gum tablet of claim 11, wherein the anti-caking agent is precipitated silicon dioxide.

13. (New) The chewing gum tablet of claim 8, wherein the granules are coated with a coating agent.

14. (New) The chewing gum tablet of claim 8, wherein the granules further comprise at least one additive selected from the group consisting of binders, coating agents, sweeteners, and additional active ingredients.